L. H. J. that in Cases Ordinary, the Legislature there never Intermeddles: but in Uncommon Cases as well the Representative Body there as here have often Interposed. Instances of both are easily made Appear especially among Ourselves, who can Readily deduce many from Our Journals of a long Time Past

p. 84 from which we Observe that few private Acts for many Years have been Dissented to by your Lordships Noble Predecessors and Ancestors altho some of them alike or Very Little Different in Effect from those declared Null and Void by your Lord-

ships late Speech to us.

And further we declare to Your L^p [with much Concern] Unless our Legislature is permitted to Determine some things which may be said in Strictness not to Exceed the Jurisdiction of any Court here, that the Judicature which should be Superiour in its Authority to any other may soon in a Manner become useless, and the People in Time Groan under heavy Pressures.

Wherefore We humbly beg your Lordship to Reflect on the Councils of your Ancestors & to believe that this Part of the Legislature will never Intermeddle with any thing (not absolutely necessary in Our Opinion) for the Good Support of your Lordship's Government and Our own Happiness and Tranquility.

We take Leave to Assure your Lordship that as we shall ever have a most Just Regard to your Sentiments in any thing; so we shall always with the Greatest Submission Offer our

Reasons to your Lordship for Disagreeing thereto.

We humbly Conceive then, that Each officer in this province, According to his Station has from the perquisites of his office, a full Compensation for his Services, as well as an Handsom Support: and if (as we Implore the Divine Mercy it may) the Staple of our Country Improve their proffits will be Double, And as a further Inducement to your L^p not to Dissent to the late Regulation we humbly offer to your Noble Consideration that the Continual Affluence of People among us will very much Augment each officers Fees incident to their Several offices. May it Please your Lordship in the Ancient Colony of Virginia altho immediately under the Crown, [the

p. 85 fees] are not so Great as those allowed the officers here, and yet thought there Sufficient as well to maintain as Support the Dignity of the officers.

We humbly Hope these reasons joyn'd to your Lordship's Goodness may Cause a Continuance of the present Limitation. The Satisfaction with which we Received Our present Lieutenant Governour and Exprest to your L^p on that Occasion was very Just: for from his affable & Courteous